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**JUSTICE DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES APPOINTMENT OF EDWARD E. McNALLY AS
UNITED STATES ATTORNEY FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS**

WASHINGTON, D.C. - The Justice Department today announced the appointment of Edward E. McNally to serve as the United States Attorney for the Southern District of Illinois. McNally will serve under an Attorney General Appointment for 120 days. He will succeed Ronald J. Tenpas, who will resign from the position on Monday, November 21, 2005. Tenpas will serve as an Associate Deputy Attorney General at the Department of Justice in Washington, D.C.

Ed McNally has served as Senior Counsel to the Assistant Attorney General for the Criminal Division of the Department of Justice since May 2005. In this capacity, McNally handles a broad array of matters, including efforts related to anti-gang, national security, anti-terrorism, fraud and other law enforcement efforts. Prior to his service to the Criminal Division, McNally was appointed by President George W. Bush to serve as Senior Associate Counsel to the President and as the first General Counsel for the Homeland Security Council, created at the White House in response to the September 11th terrorist attacks.

McNally is a former prosecutor who previously served for nearly nine years at the Department of Justice, beginning in 1982 and including service as an Assistant U.S. Attorney in the Southern District of New York under Rudy Giuliani, and as an attorney at the Department in Washington. He subsequently served in a dual capacity as the District Attorney in Anchorage and as the Chief of the Criminal Division for the State of Alaska Department of Law, where he supervised a prosecution team of approximately 150, including trial and appellate lawyers in 14 offices throughout the state.

Prior to his appointment to the Homeland Security Council in 2001, McNally served in private practice as a trial lawyer specializing in litigation, investigations, and trial and appellate courts. His work has ranged from complex civil litigation to white collar defense, fraud, narcotics, and murder in the first degree.

An Illinois native, he was educated at Yale, the London School of Economics, and the University of Notre Dame Law School. In 1985, McNally was selected as America's first Henry Luce Scholar in China, where he served as a visiting professor of constitutional law at the Beijing University Faculty of Law, China's oldest and most respected law school.

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